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SUBJECT: REACTION TO MOZAMBIQUE BANK NATIONALIZATIONS

REF: (A) MAPUTO 0015, (B) LISBON 0179

SUMMARY: GOP WILL SEND TEAM TO MAPUTO TO STUDY GPRM  
NATIONALIZATION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S PRIVATE BANKING SECTOR.  
END SUMMARY.

1. IMPLICATIONS: THE GPRM DECISION TO NATIONALIZE MOST OF  
THE MOZAMBIKAN PRIVATE BANKING SECTOR, COMPOSED MAINLY OF  
BRANCHES OF NATIONALIZED PORTUGUESE BANKS, CAUGHT THE GOP  
BY SURPRISE. AS MANY MOZAMBIKAN FIRMS, ALTHOUGH CONTROLLED  
ADMINISTRATIVELY BY GPRM, WERE OWNED OR FINANCIALLY CONTROLLED  
BY THESE BANKS, THE DECISION HAS FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS  
FOR PORTUGAL AND GENERATED CONCERN AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS  
OF THE GOP.

2. GOP MEETINGS: PRESIDENT EANES MET JAN 5 WITH PRIME  
MINISTER DESIGNATE SOARES, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, THE  
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GOP AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE, AND OTHER SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS  
TO REVIEW THE MAPUTO DECISION. ON JAN 6, EANES CALLED IN  
GPRM AMBASSADOR PANGUENE FOR DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO A  
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, PANGUENE WAS UNDERSTANDING OF  
GOP CONCERNS, AND READILY AGREED TO A GOP PROPOSAL TO  
SEND A TEAM TO MAPUTO TO STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE  
NATIONALIZATION. THE FONMIN OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE TEAM

IS NOW BEING SELECTED AND WILL DEPART SHORTLY FOR MAPUTO.  
THE GOP IS ACTING QUICKLY BECAUSE OF THE SHORT PERIOD  
ALLOTTED BY GPRM FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION.

3. COMMENT: THE OPENNESS SHOWN BY THE MOZAMBICANS HERE HAS  
HELPED AMELIORATE THE FRICTION CAUSED BY MAPUTO'S DECISION.  
UNLESS THE GPRM CONTINUES TO BE FORTHCOMING, HOWEVER, THE SLOWLY  
WARMING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL SUFFER A  
SETBACK.  
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